

BEFORE THE JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION
STATE OF FLORIDA

INQUIRY CONCERNING
A JUDGE, NO. 04-53

CASE NUMBER SC04-1655

**JOINT STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER
RESCHEDULING THE PREHEARING CONFERENCE, AS WELL
AS COMPLIANCE DATES, AS SET FORTH IN THE ORDER
SCHEDULING HEARING AND PREHEARING CONFERENCE
DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2005, ENTERED BY THE
HONORABLE THOMAS B. FREEMAN, CHAIRMAN,
HEARING PANEL, FLORIDA JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS
COMMISSION**

Chandler R. Muller, Attorney for the Judge, and Lansing C. Scriven, Esq., Special Counsel for the Judicial Qualifications Commission, file this Joint Stipulation for Entry of an Order Rescheduling the Prehearing Conference, As Well As Compliance Dates, As Set Forth in the Order Scheduling Hearing and Prehearing Conference Dated September 7, 2005, Entered by The Honorable Thomas B. Freeman, Chairman, Hearing Panel, Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission, and would state:

1. In its Order dated September 7, 2005, the Chairman of the Hearing Panel, The Honorable Thomas B. Freeman, scheduled a telephonic prehearing conference for Wednesday, September 28, 2005, at 2:00 P.M.
2. Also contained in the Order were other compliance dates keyed to the scheduled telephonic prehearing conference.

3. Both the attorney for the Judge, as well as the Special Counsel handling this matter on behalf of the Judicial Qualifications Commission, request the following:

A. That the telephonic prehearing conference be rescheduled for any time on Tuesday, October 3, 2005, or Wednesday, October 4, 2005;

B. That all other deadlines (e.g., filing of the Prehearing Statement) required by the Order Scheduling Hearing and Prehearing Conference dated September 7, 2005 be correspondingly adjusted according to the rescheduled date established by the Chair of the Hearing Panel for the telephonic prehearing conference.

4. The parties believe that it is in the best interest of judicial economy, as well as an orderly disposition to the case, that the deadlines previously established in the Order Scheduling Hearing and Prehearing Conference be extended as requested herein.

5. The undersigned attorneys have had open communication throughout the discovery process. In the communication on Monday, September 19, 2005, counsel for the Judge indicated to Special Counsel for the Judicial Qualifications Commission that the Judge is waiving his affirmative defenses.

6. Additionally, a continuation of the deposition of one of the Special Counsel's witnesses was cancelled after a review of the answers provided in a lengthy discovery deposition taken earlier.

7. Both counsel will be prepared to fully argue any undisposed of motions in the telephone conference to be set the week of October 3, 2005, and will have complied in all respects with the pretrial Order dated September 7, 2005 under the proposed modifications as set forth in this Joint Stipulation.

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